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¶1. (SBU) On December 1, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) convened a planning seminar on Air Traffic Management (ATM). Representatives from airlines and government agencies discussed modern ATM strategies, including Performance-Based Navigation and Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADSB). DGCA is grappling with whether to bring in a vendor to integrate existing navigation equipment or to plan for an entirely new system. Director General Herry Bakti said he is seeking proposals only from Massachusetts-based Raytheon and French firm Thales.

¶2. (SBU) Embassy officers met with Raytheon's Regional Director for Asia on a recent visit to Jakarta and encouraged him to prepare a formal commercial advocacy request. We are also working to find ways the US Trade and Development Agency might help showcase US ATM technology and applications that fit DGCA's needs. At this time, there do not appear to be other US competitors for the ATM project, although there is other interest in a radar project with the Ministry of Defense.

¶3. (SBU) We have been working with DCGA to position Indonesia to resume flights to the US by 2012. A Transportation Security Administration (TSA) team is expected to visit Jakarta's Soekarno-Hatta International airport in January, and a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Technical Review is tentatively planned for March or April 2010. In addition, Boeing plans to hire a consultant to assist Indonesia in its bid to regain FAA Category-1 status. Active, continued US engagement will result in a safer aviation sector and enhance US companies' chances for success in this market (reftel).

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